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Section I.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

The District is an agricultural and residential one.

Other minor industries provide employment, and holiday traffic brings a considerable amount of trade to hotels and cafes.

General Statistics

Area in Acres	67,035
Number of Parishes	26
Registrar-General's Estimate of Population (1953 mid-year)	16,820
Registrar-General's Estimate of Population (1954 mid-year)	16,960
Number of Dwellings	5,398
Rateable Value (March, 1955)	£ 129,819
Sum Represented by a Penny Rate (March, 1955)	£ 523

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births.

MIDHURST RURAL DISTRICT								Birth Rate per 1,000 Pop.		
Total Number (after adjustment for transfers)						Birth Rate per 1,000 population		West Sussex		England and Wales
Year	Total	Sex		Illegitimate				Rural Districts	Urban Districts	
		M	F	Number	%	Crude	Corr.			
1953	234	125	109	14	5.9	13.91	15.30	14.58	11.62	15.5
1954	233	121	112	8	3.4	13.73	14.96	15.43	12.26	15.2

Stillbirths

MIDHURST RURAL DISTRICT				Rate per 1000 total (live & still) Births		Rate per 1000 population	
Total Number (after adjustment for transfers)				Midhurst R.D.	England and Wales	Midhurst R.D.	England and Wales
Year	Total	Sex					
		M	F				
1953	2	1	1	8.47	22.4	0.11	0.35
1954	4	3	1	16.87	23.4	0.23	0.36

Deaths.

MIDHURST RURAL DISTRICT						- WEST SUSSEX		ENGLAND AND WALES
Total Deaths (after adjustment for transfers)				Death Rates per 1,000 population		Death Rate per 1,000 population		Death Rate
Year	Total	Sex		Crude		Rural Districts	Urban Districts	per 1,000 population
		M	F	Crude	Corr.			
1953	247	130	117	14.68	11.45	11.84	15.64	11.4
1954	255	141	114	15.03	10.97	11.67	15.50	11.3

Of the total deaths recorded, 210 or 82% occurred in persons aged 65 years or over; 148 or 58% in persons aged 75 years or over, and 46 or 18% in persons aged 85 years or over.

The chief causes of death in order of frequency were :-

	1954	1953
(i) Diseases of the heart and circulatory system	97(38%)	94(38%)
(ii) Vascular lesions of nervous system ..	50(20%)	49(20%)
(iii) Neoplasms (growths)	43(17%)	28(11%)
(iv) Respiratory diseases (excluding Pulmonary Tuberculosis)	14(5%)	26(10%)

These four causes accounted for 204 or 80% of the total deaths.

A table at the end of this Section shows the age, sex distribution and causes of death in 1954.

From the above mentioned statistics it will be seen that while deaths exceeded births by 22, the Registrar-General's estimate of the population of the district at mid-year 1954, showed an increase of 140 over the 1953 estimate.

Maternal Deaths

Midhurst R.D.		Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 total births			
Year	Total Deaths	Midhurst R.D.	West Sussex		England and Wales
			R.D's.	U.D's.	
1953	Nil	-	0.43	1.48	0.76
1954	Nil	-	0.38	-	0.69

Infant Mortality
(Deaths of Infants under 1 Year)

INFANT DEATHS					RATES PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS			
MIDHURST RURAL DISTRICT					Midhurst R.D.	West Sussex		England and Wales
Year	Total	Sex		Illegit- imate.		R.D's.	U.D's	
		M	F					
1953	6	5	1	2	25.64	22.	22.	26.8
1954	4	2	2	-	17.16	22.	26.	25.5

Infant Mortality Rates :

(a) <u>Under 1 year of age.</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1953</u>
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births ..	17.77	18.18
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	Nil	142.85

(b) <u>Under 4 weeks of age.</u>		
All infants per 1,000 live births ..	12.87	21.36
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births ..	13.33	13.63
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	Nil	142.85

Death Rates per 1,000 population from:

Pulmonary Tuberculosis	0.05	0.23
All forms of Tuberculosis	0.05	0.23
Respiratory Diseases (excluding Pulmonary Tuberculosis)	0.82	1.54
Cancer	2.53	1.66
Principal Zymotic Diseases (Smallpox, Enteric Fever, Measles, Scarlet Fever, Whooping Cough and Diphtheria) ..	Nil	Nil

Number of Deaths from Diarrhoea and Enteritis (children under 2 years)	One	Nil
Death Rate per 1,000 live births ..	4.29	Nil

Table of Causes of Death at Different Periods of Life during 1954.

B.G. List No	CAUSES OF DEATH	Sex	All Ages	Weeks		Y e a r s									
				0-	4-	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75-	85-
	All Causes	M	141	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	7	12	41	57	20
		F	114	2	-	-	1	-	1	1	4	13	21	45	26
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	Malignant neoplasms, stomach	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1
		F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
11	ditto lung, bronchus	M	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	1	-
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
12	ditto breast	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	M	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	10	1
		F	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	2	-	1
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	M	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	12	4
		F	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7	13	5
18	Coronary disease, angina	M	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	8	6	1
		F	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	5	-
19	Hypertension with heart disease	M	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	2	2
		F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1
20	Other heart disease	M	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	7	3
		F	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	12	9
21	Other circulatory disease	M	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	7	2
		F	8	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	3
23	Pneumonia	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1
		F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
24	Bronchitis	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
25	Other diseases of respiratory system	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-
		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	M	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
		F	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	1
28	Nephritis and nephrosis	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	Other defined & ill- defined diseases	M	13	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	1	5	2
		F	13	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	4	3
34	All other accidents	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
		F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	1
35	Suicide	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

No deaths were recorded as due to: (2) Tuberculosis, other; (3) Syphilitic disease; (4) Diphtheria; (5) Whooping Cough; (6) Meningococcal infections; (7) Acute Poliomyelitis; (8) Measles; (9) Other infective & parasitic diseases; (13) Malignant neoplasms, uterus; (16) Diabetes; (22) Influenza; (30) Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion; (31) Congenital malformations; (33) Motor vehicle accidents; (36) Homicide and operations of war.

Table Showing Vital Statistics for the Years 1945 -- 1954.

Year	Est. Pop.	Live Births		Birth Rate		Total Deaths		Death Rate		Infant Deaths			Infant Death Rate	Increase of Births over Deaths
		M	F	Total	Crude	Corr.	M	F	Total	M	F	Total		
1945	15520	108	108	216	13.92	-	92	87	179	11.53	-	5	23.15	37
1946	15720	137	120	257	16.35	-	93	122	215	13.42	-	14	54.47	42
1947	15730	143	120	263	16.71	-	86	95	181	11.5	-	11	41.82	82
1948	16530	132	116	248	15.00	-	116	78	194	11.73	-	3	12.09	54
1949	16590	126	118	244	14.70	-	94	107	201	12.11	9.56	4	16.39	43
1950	16480	109	116	225	13.65	15.15	112	105	217	13.16	10.26	5	22.22	8
1951	16730	119	113	232	13.86	15.38	102	101	203	12.13	9.46	9	38.79	29
1952	16750	106	104	210	12.53	13.78	105	101	206	12.29	9.58	4	19.04	4
1953	16820	125	109	234	13.91	15.30	130	117	247	14.68	11.45	6	25.64	- 13
1954	16960	121	112	233	13.73	14.96	141	114	255	15.03	10.97	4	17.16	- 22

Section II.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

Hospitals.

The hospitals providing accommodation and treatment for residents of the District are administered by the South-West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board. The hospitals are :-

Chichester Isolation Hospital
St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester
Royal West Sussex Hospital, Chichester
Midhurst Cottage Hospital
Petworth Cottage Hospital
Haslemere Hospital
Petersfield Hospital
Horsham General Hospital
Worthing Hospital
Southlands Hospital, Shoreham-by-Sea
Sussex Maternity and Women's Hospital, Brighton
Zachary Merton Maternity Home, Rustington
Aldingbourne House Sanatorium
King Edward VII Sanatorium, Easebourne

Laboratory Service.

Examinations carried out for this Authority by the Public Health Laboratory, Portsmouth, during 1954, were as follows :-

<u>Nature of Specimen</u>	<u>Number Examined</u>
(a) Ice Cream	50
(b) Ice Lollies	10
(c) Milk (Pathological exam.)	111
(d) Milk (Biological exam.)	22
(e) Water	218
Total	<u>411</u>

Ambulances.

The Local Health Authorities (the West Sussex County Council and the Surrey County Council) provide an ambulance service with ambulances operating from Midhurst, Petworth and Haslemere. The same Authorities are also responsible for the Hospital Car Service.

Home Nursing and Midwifery.

General District Nurses, Midwives, Health Visitors and School Nurses, are employed by the West Sussex County Council to serve in the Rural District.

Treatment Centres and Clinics.

- | | | |
|--------------------------------|---|---|
| Ante-Natal Clinics | - | held at Northchapel and Petworth. |
| Infant Welfare Centres | - | held at Camelsdale, Midhurst,
Northchapel and Petworth. |
| Infant Weighing Centres | - | held at Heyshott, Rogate and
Stedham. |
| School Clinic (Minor Ailments) |) | |
| Aural Clinic |) | held at Chichester. |
| Orthopaedic Clinic |) | |
| Speech Therapy Clinic | - | held at Chichester and Midhurst |
| Eye Clinic | - | held at Midhurst |
| Chest Clinic | - | held at Aldingbourne House
Sanatorium. |
| Venereal Diseases Clinics | - | held at St. Mary's Hospital,
Portsmouth; The Royal Surrey
County Hospital, Guildford;
and St. Richard's Hospital,
Chichester. |

Nursing Homes.

At the end of the year there were five Nursing Homes in the district registered by the West Sussex County Council under Section 187 of the Public Health Act, 1936, providing a total accommodation for 103 patients. One nursing home, with a total of 53 beds, is used for accommodating aged chronic cases.

National Assistance Act, 1948.

Sections 47 and 50.

No action was necessary during the year.

Section III.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supply.

The Midhurst Rural District Council and the Wey Valley Water Company provide mains water to all Parishes in the District, 3901 properties having a supply within the dwellings with very few exceptions.

Private Estate water is also piped to 1047 houses.

Details of the supplies in each of the parishes as at 31st December, 1954, are given in the table at the end of this Section.

MIDHURST RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL WATER UNDERTAKINGS.

During the year the second stage of the Lodsworth Scheme to the Parishes of East Lavington and Graffham, and to Hillgrove and Parkhurst in the Parish of Lurgashall, was completed. Main extensions were also carried out at Upperton, Tillington, and New Lane, Harting.

Rotherfield Bore Supply, Easebourne - to the Parishes of Bepton, Cocking, Easebourne, Heyshott, Midhurst, Stedham, West Lavington and Woolbeding.

The number of houses supplied from this source is 1,258.

Slade Lane Bore Supply, Rogate - to the Parishes of Chithurst, Elsted, Harting, Iping, Linch, Rogate, Stedham, Terwick, Treyford, Trotton and Woolbeding.

This supply is interconnected with the Rotherfield Supply at the Half Moon, Midhurst, and the extra pressure thus obtained has helped in improving the supplies to dwellings in the Cocking and West Lavington areas.

A total of 925 houses are supplied by this scheme.

Lodsworth Bore Supply, Lodsworth - to the Parishes of Easebourne, East Lavington, Graffham, Lodsworth, Lurgashall, North Ambersham, South Ambersham and Tillington.

This source supplies 422 houses.

Spring Supply, Henley - to the Parishes of Easebourne and Fernhurst.

Thirty-two houses are supplied by this scheme.

Water Supply (Contd.)

WEY VALLEY WATER COMPANY.

Water is supplied to the Parishes of Fernhurst, Harting, Iping, Linchmere, Lurgashall, North Ambersham, Rogate and Trotton.

The total number of houses supplied is 1,237.

Main extensions carried out by this Undertaking were as follows :-

<u>Situation</u>	<u>Length (Yds.)</u>
Hogs Hill, Fernhurst ..	17 - 3" main.
Hammer Hill Housing Site, Linchmere ..	575 - 6" main. 617 - 4" main.
Linch and Fernhurst .. (Liphook to Fernhurst trunk main from Oakhanger Pumping Station.)	2,000 - 6" main.

Water Analyses.

A total of 218 samples of water were taken and submitted for examination, and the following table gives details of the results received :-

Source	No. of Samples Taken	E x a m i n a t i o n			
		Bacteriological		Chemical	
		S	U	S	U
Statutory Water					
Undertakings	81	73	4 +	4	-
Private Estates	113	87	26	-	-
Individual Private Supplies	24	5	19	-	-
TOTALS	218	165	49	4	-

Note: S = Satisfactory U = Unsatisfactory
+ Samples from new mains after installation and before being brought into use. Subsequent samples after the mains had been cleansed were satisfactory.

Drainage and Sewerage.

Houses Drained to the Council's Sewers.

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Drainage Scheme</u>	<u>Houses Drained to Sewer</u>	<u>Number of Houses in Parish</u>
Cocking	Cocking	72	156
Harting	Harting	208	457
Easebourne	Midhurst, Easebourne and West Lavington	446	545
Midhurst	Ditto	628	634
West Lavington	Ditto	86	159
Fernhurst	Fernhurst Village	190)	635
	Northern Fernhurst)	
	and Linehamere	196)	
Linehamere	Ditto	298	412
North Ambersham	Ditto	12	58
	TOTALS	<u>2,136</u>	<u>3,056</u>

State of Household Sanitation in the District.

Houses with water closets drained to the sewers	2,136 (39.6%)
Houses with water closets drained to septic tanks and cesspools ..	1,794 (33.2%)
Houses with earth, pail or chemical closets	<u>1,468 (27.2%)</u>
Total Houses	<u>5,398</u>

New Sewers - Harting and Cocking.

Thirty-seven new connections were made at Harting, and three at Cocking.

Rogate Drainage.

This scheme was started during the latter part of the year, and at the time of writing this report, the work of laying the sewers had been practically completed.

Rivers and Streams

Flooding from the Harting Brook continued to give trouble and negotiations took place with the West Sussex County Council in an effort to avoid this in the future.

Public Cleansing.

The refuse collection service provided by the Council is as follows :-

Interval between Collections.

<u>Once Weekly</u>	<u>Fortnightly</u>	<u>Four-Weekly</u>
Midhurst	Linchmere	Tillington
	North Ambersham	Stedham
Easebourne(Lutener	Fernhurst	Elsted
Road & Easebourne	Easebourne(except Lutener	Harting(Uppark only)
Street - Post	Rd. & Easebourne Street-	Graffham
Office to school	Post Office to School)	Heyshott
only)	Trotton(Milland area only)	Lodsworth
	Rogate(except Fyning)	South Ambersham
West Lavington	Harting(except Uppark)	Bepton(Upper
(Chichester Road-	Chithurst	Bepton only)
South Pond to	Iping	Treyford
Station only)	Woolbeding(except E.Shaw)	Lurgashall
	Cocking	Rogate(Fyning only)
	West Lavington(except	Terwick
	Chichester Rd. - South	Trotton(except
	Pond to Station)	Milland area)
	Bepton(except Upper	Woolbeding
	Bepton)	(East Shaw only)

All refuse is deposited on the Tip at Midhurst Common.

Cesspool Emptying Service.

The Council continues to provide a rateborne cesspool emptying service which allows one free emptying at intervals of three months to premises where connection to the main sewer is not possible. Where house drains can be connected to the sewer, emptyings are only undertaken upon payment of the requisite fee.

During the year, 742 cesspools were emptied, and with the single vehicle in use, the assistance of an outside contractor had to be called upon.

A number of requests are received in respect of properties where, in fact, septic tank drainage is in operation. It is not generally understood that a properly constructed septic tank will function perfectly well over a number of years without being emptied. Unnecessary emptying is detrimental.

Shops Act, 1950.

Fifty-five visits were made to shops and offices.

During the year the West Sussex County Council delegated to this Council their powers relating to heating, lighting and washing facilities, and from inspections made, no action was called for.

Smoke Abatement

No action was necessary in this respect.

Factories Act, 1937

There are 70 establishments situated in the district coming within the scope of the Factories Act, 1937, of which 41 are provided with mechanical power.

During the year, 88 inspections of factory premises were made. Arising out of these inspections, defects as under were found and remedied :-

<u>Nature of Defect.</u>	<u>Number Found and Remedied</u>
Want of Cleanliness	9

Swimming Baths and Pools

There are no public swimming baths or pools in the district.

Camping Sites.

The following licences were granted during the year under Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936 :-

(a) Licences to erect, station and use movable dwellings ..	30
(b) Licences authorising the use of land as a site for movable dwellings ..	1

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

No action was necessary in this respect.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

During the year, 856 infestations were dealt with and some 4,856 rats were destroyed.

The Council's sewers were also treated.

Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951.

There are no premises in the district at which rag flock is used or sold.

Pet Animals Act, 1951.

One licence was granted under this Act.

Schools

There are 13 schools in the district of which 11 have waterborne sanitation.

During the year, electric lighting was installed at the Cocking C.E. (Controlled) School, and a glazed partition was also erected in the large classroom.

No schools were closed during 1954 on account of infectious or other diseases.

Eighteen visits were made to school premises.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area

Complaints received	..	..	..	63
Informal Notices served	..	..	..	325
Informal Notices complied with	..	..	..	266
Statutory Notices served under Section 93, Public Health Act, 1936				6
Statutory Notices complied with	..	..	..	6

The six statutory notices served were in respect of leaking roofs and defective chimney stacks.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area (Contd.)

Visits made in connection with :

Housing - first visits	..	..	938
Housing - revisits	..	..	806
Council House applications	..		193
Overcrowding	..	..	155
Drainage and sanitary conveniences			1,048
Water supplies	..	..	645
Privies, ditches and cesspools	..		235
Stables and piggeries	..	..	4
Refuse and accumulations	..		15
Verminous premises	..	..	14
Rats and Mice destruction	..		8,043
Schools	..	..	18
Movable Dwellings	..	..	66
Factories Act	..	..	88
Infectious Diseases	..	..	9
Shops Act	..	..	55
Slaughterhouses, Butchers' Shops and other Food Premises			750
Dairies and Milk Distributors	..		104
Miscellaneous	43
Total Visits	..		<u>13,229</u>

Under Public Health and Housing Acts:

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Summary of Rural Water Supplies - 31st December, 1954

Parish	Area. Acres	Estim- ated Popul- ation	No. of houses in Parish	Houses with piped water from		Houses with Wells, Springs, or Rainwater Tanks
				Public Mains	Private Estates	
Bepton	1910	299	95	49	44	2
Chithurst	1200	267	85	59	9	17
Cocking	2596	490	156	71	84	1
Easebourne	4214	1712	545	341	201	3
East Lavington	1977	226	72	7	55	10
Elsted	1840	183	58	49	2	7
Fernhurst	4950	1995	635	581	34	20
Graffham	2137	562	179	5	165	9
Harting	7946	1435	457	357	50	50
Heyshott	2184	418	133	9	110	14
Iping	2235	387	123	74	20	29
Linch	850	76	24	8	10	6
Linchmere	2066	1294	412	391	11	10
Lodsworth	2441	626	199	171	9	19
Lurgashall	4815	591	188	87	17	84
Midhurst	669	1992	634	634	-	-
North Ambersham	1168	182	58	38	8	12
Rogate	5016	1300	414	388	5	21
South Ambersham	1502	110	35	8	22	5
Stedham	2493	613	195	48	119	28
Terwick	783	192	61	45	-	16
Tillington	3816	735	234	169	37	28
Treyford	2098	129	41	25	1	15
Trotton	3600	421	134	83	19	30
West Lavington	678	499	159	155	4	-
Woolbeding	1851	226	72	47	11	14
TOTALS	67035	16960	5398	3901	1047	450
Percentage of Total Dwellings				72.3%	19.4%	8.3%

Estimated population deriving water from :

(a)	Public Mains	..	..	12,257
(b)	Private Estate Mains	..	..	3,290
(c)	Other Sources	..	..	1,413
Total Population				<u>16,960</u>

Section IV.

HOUSING.

At the close of 1954, the Council's list of housing applicants showed 379 outstanding cases as compared with 466 cases in 1953.

New houses completed during the year totalled 102 (41 Private and 61 Council) - twelve less than the figure for 1953.

Housing Act, 1936.

In sixteen cases action under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, was taken resulting in 13 demolition orders being made and 3 undertakings accepted.

Housing Act, 1949 - Improvement Grants.

Under this Act, a landlord who undertakes to bring a property up to the standard of fitness laid down can claim an improvement grant of one-half of the cost of the improvements (maximum grant payable per house is £400), but to qualify for the grant, the owner must undertake to carry out all necessary repairs at his own expense. Of the grants which are approved, 25% of the sum involved is rateborne, the balance being defrayed by the Treasury.

Applications under this Act for improvement grants are being received in increasing numbers, and the expense involved may have an appreciable effect on the rates. Against this must be set the encouragement given by grants to the reconditioning of unfit houses, and the advantage to the district of retaining in use houses which would otherwise be lost.

During the year, applications were received for the improvement of 35 dwellings. All except four were approved.

Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954.

This Act came into operation on the 30th August, 1954. Two applications for 'Certificates of Disrepair' were received, but one was withdrawn, and in the other case the necessary repairs were carried out within the period of six weeks.

Housing (Contd.)

Houses Erected by Private Enterprise.

The 41 houses built privately during 1954 are situated in the undermentioned parishes :-

Bepton	4	Iping	1
Chithurst	1	Linchmere	3
Easebourne	8	Lodsworth	2
East Lavington	2	North Ambersham	1
Elsted	1	Rogate	6
Fernhurst	3	Tillington	1
Harting	1	West Lavington	7

Requisitioned Premises.

The following statement gives details of the action taken during 1954 in connection with requisitioned premises :-

Number of:

Properties under requisition at 31.12.53.	52
Units of accommodation provided ..	82
Persons accommodated	306
Properties derequisitioned during 1954	11
Properties requisitioned at 31.12.54.	41
Units of accommodation provided ..	60
Persons accommodated	182

Housing Statistics.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year.

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	938
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	1,744
(2) Number of dwelling-houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for habitation	300

2. Remedying of Defects without Service of Formal Notice.

Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied in consequence of informal action taken by the Local Authority	241
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Housing Statistics (Contd.)

3. Action under Statutory Powers.

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :

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| (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs .. | Nil |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice .. | Nil |

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :

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| (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied | 6 |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices: | |
| (a) By owners | 6 |
| (b) By Local Authority in default of owners | Nil |

(c) Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936; Section 3 of the Housing Act, 1949, and Section 10 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953 :

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| (1) Number of houses in respect of which demolition orders were made | 13 |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders .. | 4 |
| (3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Undertakings have been given that they will not be used for human habitation until made fit | 3 |
| (4) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made under Section 3 of the Housing Act, 1949 | Nil |
| (5) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made under Section 10 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953 | Nil |

Housing Statistics (Contd.)

4. Housing Act, 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding.

(a)	(i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	4
	(ii) Number of families dwelling therein ..	5
	(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein ..	32
(b)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during 1954	3
(c)	(i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during 1954	7
	(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases	63
(d)	Particulars of any case in which dwelling- houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority has taken steps to abate the overcrowding	Nil

Houses Erected by the Local Authority.

Parish		Houses Erected			Grand Total
		Pre-War	1947-1953	1954	
CHITHURST	- Chorley Common Cotts.	4	-	-	
	Cartersland Corner	-	12	-	16
COCKING	- Malthouse Cottages	8	-	-	
	The Croft	-	31	-	39
EASEBOURNE	- Canada Cottages	12	-	-	
	Cowdray Road	-	35	-	
	Egmont Road	-	12	-	
	Fox Road	-	20	-	
	Montague Road	-	32	-	111
ELSTED	- Hill View Cottages	4	-	-	4
FERNHURST	- Dale Copse Cottages	6	-	-	
	Old Glebe Cottages	-	40	-	46
GRAFFHAM	- Woodcote Cottages	6	-	-	
	Guilford Cottages	-	22	-	28
HARTING	- Loppers Ash Cottages	4	-	-	
	Knightsfield Cottages	4	-	-	
	Tipper Lane	8	-	-	
	Culvers, South Harting	-	34	21	
	Furze Meadow, Nyewood	-	-	12	83
HEYSHOTT	- Austins Cottages	4	-	-	
	Bakersfield Cottages	4	-	-	
	Leggatts Flats	-	4	-	
	Austins Cottages	-	4	-	16
IPING	- Crossways Cottages	4	-	-	4
LINCHMERE	- Moor Copse Cottages	-	6	-	
	Hammer Hill Cottages	-	-	20	26
LODSWORTH	- Berryfield Cottages	2	-	-	
	Barnfield Cottages	4	-	-	
	Beechfield Cottages	-	6	-	12
LURGASHALL	- Greengate Cottages	4	4	-	8
MIDHURST	- Barnplat Cottages	12	-	-	
	June Meadow	-	12	-	
	Nine Acres	-	22	-	46
ROGATE	- Paddock Cottages	4	-	-	
	Parsonage Cottages	-	20	-	
	Knowles Meadow	-	9	8	41
STEDHAM	- Common View Cottages	-	10	-	10
TERWICK	- Mill Lane Cottages	8	-	-	8
TILLINGTON	- Willetts Field Cottages	4	-	-	
	The Harrows	-	8	-	12
TROTTON	- Mill Lane Cottages	4	-	-	4
WEST LAVINGTON	- Taylors Field	-	48	-	48
WOOLBEDING	- Claypit Cottages	4	-	-	4
TOTALS		114	391	61	566

Section V.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supply.

Number of :

Inspections of dairies and milk premises	104
Producer Distributors with farms in the District	17
Retail Dairies (not producing milk) in the District	3
Milk Distributors with dairies outside the District	15
Dealer's licences granted authorising the use of the Special Designation 'Tuberculin Tested'	15
Dealer's licences granted authorising the use of the Special Designation 'Pasteurised'	9

Of the three retail dairies in the district, two possess pasteurising plants.

During the year, 94 samples of milk taken from distributors were submitted for examination for cleanliness by the Methylene Blue Test, and of these, 80 were reported upon as satisfactory.

Seventeen samples of Pasteurised milk were taken and submitted to the Phosphatase Test, all of which were reported upon as satisfactory.

Twenty-two samples of milk taken from farms whose milk is retailed in the district were submitted for biological examination and reported free from Tubercle Bacilli.

Meat and Other Foods.

Consequent upon the de-rationing of meat, four applications were received during the year to use slaughterhouses previously licenced by the Council. One application was refused and consideration of the other three was adjourned pending the carrying out of works to bring the premises up to a reasonable standard. Only in one case were the necessary works carried out and the slaughterhouse now licensed in the district is situated in West Street, Midhurst.

Meat and Other Foods (Contd.)

Most of the meat consumed in the district is slaughtered elsewhere, supplies being delivered mainly from Chichester, Petersfield, Haslemere and London.

Details of animals slaughtered and of meat condemned are as follows :-

	<u>Bovines</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
Number killed and inspected ..	23	41	95	133

Meat Condemned:

8 Bullocks' Livers .. affected with Liver Fluke
8 Pigs' Livers .. found to be Parasitic.

The following is a summary of butchers' shops, etc. in the district, together with details of inspections of these establishments carried out during the year :-

Number of :

Butchers' Shops 8

Premises registered under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, for the preparation and manufacture of sausages or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food intended for sale for human consumption 9

Visits made to the above premises 349

Premises registered for the sale of Ice Cream 45

Visits to Ice Cream premises 120

There are no manufacturers of Ice Cream in the district.

Fifty samples of Ice Cream and 10 samples of Ice Lollies were taken from dealers and submitted for examination for cleanliness by the Methylene Blue Test. These were graded as follows :-

ICE CREAM			ICE LOLLIES	
G r a d e s			Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory.
I	II	III		
46 (92%)	4 (8%)	Nil -	8	2

Meat and Other Foods (Contd.)

Bakehouses.

There are 12 bakehouses in use in the district, and during the year, 32 inspections were made.

Four informal notices in respect of cleansing and limewashing were served and complied with.

Other Food Premises.

Details of other food premises in the district, together with inspections made during the year, are set out herewith :-

Cafes, Restaurants, Private Hotels and Guest Houses	23
Visits to such premises	50
Grocers and General Stores	49
Fishmongers and Poultry Shops ..	3
Greengrocery Shops	6
Sweet Shops	5
Visits to such premises	124

Sixteen informal notices were served and complied with.

The need for cleanliness and personal hygiene is impressed upon shop-keepers and their assistants at every opportunity.

Meat and Other Foods Condemned at Food Shops.

Pork	16 Lbs.	Kippers	42 Lbs.
Beef	36 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Pineapple-2 tins	2 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
Sausages	72 "	Apricots-2 tins	2 "
Ox Tongue-1 tin	8 "	Peaches-2 tins	3 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
Corned Beef-4 tins	23 "	Carrots-1 tin	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
Cooked Ham-1 tin	10 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	Dried Egg Powder	57 "
Pork Luncheon Meat-		Prawns	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
47 tins	35 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	Lambs Tongues-1 tin	12 Ozs.
Chicken	6 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	Crab-1 tin	3 "
Bacon	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Sardines-1 tin	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Cod Fillets	36 "	Fruit Salad-1 tin	13 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Cod Roe	14 "	Evaporated Milk	14 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933.

Eighteen slaughtermen are licensed under the provisions of this Act.

Section VI.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF DISEASES

There were few cases of infectious disease during 1954, and details of these are given below.

The expected biennial outbreak of Measles did not begin during the last quarter of the year, and only four cases were notified in January, 1955.

No case of Poliomyelitis was notified, and for the ninth consecutive year, no case of Diphtheria. It is still necessary, however, to warn parents that more than two thirds of the babies born in this country are still reaching their first birthday without the protection of Diphtheria immunisation and there is no excuse for leaving them exposed to an unnecessary risk.

Overseas Travel - Inoculations.

In last year's report attention was called to the importance of the international regulations governing protective inoculations for those intending to travel abroad. Experience during the last few years indicates that many people when arranging overseas journeys leave themselves with barely enough time for the necessary injections to be carried out, and to have the certificates stamped and signed by the Medical Officer of Health. Inconvenience could be minimised by making arrangements for inoculations as soon as a journey is planned.

Cancer.

Deaths attributed to Cancer during the year numbered 43 (29 males, 14 females) - 28 deaths in 1953.

The Cancer Death Rate is 2.53 per 1,000 of the estimated home population - 1.66 for 1953. Corresponding rates for the Administrative County and the Urban and Rural Districts are 2.55, 2.80 and 2.30 respectively.

The following is an analysis of the age and sex distribution of all persons whose deaths were certified to be due to cancer during 1954 :

Cancer (Contd.)

Ages	Males	Females	Total
0 -	-	-	-
35 -	1	1	2
45 -	1	3	4
55 -	6	4	10
65 -	6	3	9
75 -	13	1	14
85 -	2	2	4

Localisation of the Disease.

			<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Brain .. ..	..	..	2	-	2
Alimentary Tract & Digestive System:					
Tongue .. ..	..	..	-	-	-
Pharynx .. ..	..	..	3	-	3
Thyroid .. ..	..	..	-	-	-
Oesophagus .. ..	..	..	1	-	1
Stomach .. ..	..	..	4	3	7
Caecum .. ..	..	..	-	-	-
Colon .. ..	..	..	1	2	3
Rectum .. ..	..	..	1	-	1
Liver .. ..	..	..	1	1	2
Pancreas .. ..	..	..	1	-	1
Respiratory System:					
Larynx .. ..	..	..	-	-	-
Lung, bronchus .. ..	..	..	6	1	7
Urinary Organs:					
Kidney .. ..	..	..	-	-	-
Bladder .. ..	..	..	-	-	-
Male Genital Organs:					
Prostate .. ..	..	..	6	-	6
Female Genital Organs:					
Uterus .. ..	..	..	-	-	-
Vulva .. ..	..	..	-	1	1
Breast .. ..	..	..	-	3	3
Leukaemia .. ..	..	..	2	-	2
Other sites .. ..	..	..	1	3	4
Total number of Deaths from Cancer			29	14	43

Diphtheria

(a) Notifications. No cases of Diphtheria were notified during 1954, nor were any deaths registered as due to this cause.

(b) Diphtheria Anti-Toxin is obtainable by medical practitioners for the treatment of suspected cases and contacts from the Royal West Sussex Hospital and St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester, and from the Isolation Hospital at Worthing.

(c) Immunisation. During 1954, 44 children of school age and 152 children under 5 years of age received a complete course of injections. In addition, 223 children received 'follow-up' injections.

Measles

Only one notification of measles was received - in February. (306 in 1953).

The expected winter epidemic had shown no signs of beginning by the end of the year, and when it did start in 1955, it was a small outbreak which spread over well into the Summer.

Pneumonia

Eight cases of Pneumonia were notified (13 in 1953), of which six were received during the month of February.

Deaths registered during 1954 as due to all forms of Pneumonia totalled 7 (12 deaths in 1953).

None of the 8 cases notified had a fatal issue, and none of the 7 cases in which death was certified as due to Pneumonia had been notified before death, so it is clear that the notification figures for Pneumonia are very inaccurate.

Scarlet Fever

Three cases of Scarlet Fever were notified (6 cases in 1953)

Tuberculosis.

Eight cases were added to the register (5 primary notifications and 3 cases moving into the district as transfers from other areas). Of these, 7 were pulmonary and 1 non-pulmonary. In 1953, cases added to the register were 10 pulmonary and 1 non-pulmonary.

Tuberculosis (Contd.)

Cases removed from the register in 1954 totalled 21 (6 pulmonary and 6 non-pulmonary cases having recovered, 2 cases found not to be tuberculous, and 6 cases on leaving the district).

One death from pulmonary tuberculosis was recorded during the year (4 in 1953).

The death rate from this disease for the year is 0.05 per 1,000 of the home population (0.23 in 1953). The death rates from Pulmonary Tuberculosis for the Urban and Rural Districts of West Sussex were 0.17 and 0.08 respectively.

The following table gives details of the number of cases on the notification register, together with particulars of new cases of tuberculosis and of deaths from the disease during 1954 :-

Notification Register of Tubercular Patients - 1954.

		Pulmonary Cases			Non-Pulmonary Cases			Total Cases (all Forms)		
		M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
1	No. on Register at 1st January, 1954 ..	28	25	53	14	4	18	42	29	71
2	Cases previously removed & returning in 1954 ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	Primary Notifications received in 1954 ..	1	3	4	1	-	1	2	3	5
4	Cases moved into area as transfers ..	1	2	3	-	-	-	1	2	3
	TOTALS	30	30	60	15	4	19	45	34	79
5	Cases removed from Register in 1954 ..	8	6	14	6	1	7	14	7	21
6	Number on Register at 31st December, 1954 ..	22	24	46	9	3	12	31	27	58

New Cases and Mortality

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths	
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F
5 -	-	1	1	-	-	-
10 -	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 -	-	4	-	-	-	1
35 -	2	-	-	-	-	-
45 -	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	2	5	1	-	-	1

Tuberculosis (Contd.)

The following table shows the number of cases added to the register annually for the last ten years, together with details of the total cases on the register during this period :-

Year	Cases added to the Register			Total Cases on Register at 31st December.		
	Total	Pulmonary.	Non-Pulmonary.	Total	Pulmonary.	Non-Pulmonary.
1945	13	10	3	65	42	23
1946	8	5	3	51	34	17
1947	21	17	4	58	43	15
1948	17	16	1	70	55	15
1949	28	21	7	74	56	18
1950	13	13	-	65	48	17
1951	15	13	2	61	46	15
1952	20	15	5	74	57	17
1953	11	10	1	71	53	18
1954	8	7	1	58	46	12

No action was taken during the year under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Whooping Cough

Fourteen notifications were received during 1954 (76 in 1953).

All the cases occurred during the first half of the year.

Other Diseases

No notifications were received of the undermentioned diseases :-

Cholera	Meningococcal Infection
Diphtheria	Ophthalmia Neonatorum
Dysentery	Plague
Encephalitis (Acute)	Poliomyelitis
Enteric Fevers	Puerperal Pyrexia
Erysipelas	Relapsing Fever
Food Poisoning	Smallpox
Malaria	Typhus Fever.
Membranous Croup	

Table showing Notifications and Deaths from certain Infectious Diseases

Year	Polio-myelitis		Scarlet Fever		Diphtheria		Enteric Fever		Erysipelas		Measles		Whooping Cough		Dysentery		Smallpox	
	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B
1945	2	-	9	-	1	-	-	-	4	-	172	-	9	-	-	-	-	-
1946	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	+1	-	-	25	-	4	-	-	-	-	-
1947	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	79	-	11	-	-	-	-	-
1948	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	252	-	37	-	-	-	-	-
1949	-(1)	-	23	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	246	-	37	-	-	-	-	-
1950	1	-	22	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	45	-	33	-	-	-	-	-
1951	2(3)	1	4	-	-	-	+4(1)	-	2	-	123	-	61	-	-	-	-	-
1952	5	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	10	-	13	-	-	-	-	-
1953	6	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	306	-	76	-	3	-	-	-
1954	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	14	-	-	-	-	-

NOTES: A = Cases Notified. B = Deaths. + = Cases of Paratyphoid 'B'.

Figures in brackets refer to additional cases which occurred in the district, but were not notified until after admission to Hospital outside the district.

Table Showing Cases of Infectious Diseases Notified During 1954

Disease	Total Cases Notified			Cases ad- mitted to Isolation Hospitals	Total Deaths	A g e D i s t r i b u t i o n												
	M	F	Total			0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	65-	
Measles ..	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Pneumonia ..	3	5	8	-	7	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	1	3	
Scarlet Fever	2	1	3	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Tuberculosis	2	3	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	1	-	-	
Whooping Cough	6	8	14	-	-	-	1	3	1	4	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTALS	14	17	31	1	8	-	2	4	1	4	11	2	-	2	1	1	3	

